

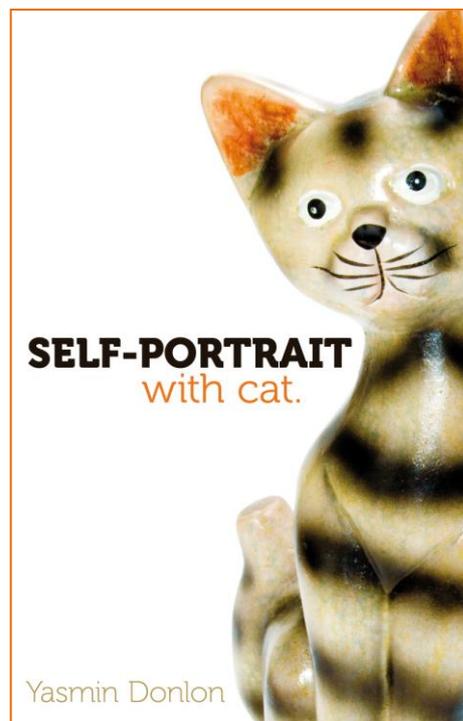
SELF-PORTRAIT

with cat

by Yasmin Donlon

First I must introduce myself and my cats.

On my husband's lap you will always find Aimee, a Blue Burmese cat. She is a veteran cat in cat show circles since she is over ten years old. There was never a cat as lazy as Aimee, as she sleeps 22 hours out of 24. She does wash herself better these days, although she never used to, having our other six cats do it for her.



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